

CROP REPORT



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2002 Hazelnut Crop forecast down 64 percent

Hazelnut production in Oregon is forecast to be 18,000 tons this year, according to the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service (OASS). If realized, this would be 64 percent below last year’s revised crop estimate, and 19 percent less than 2000’s production. Oregon’s forecasted production, though not a record low, will be the lowest since the 1998 crop.

With an alternate-year bearing cycle, hazelnut production is expected to greatly decrease from last season’s record high crop. Mild weather since January has been favorable for crop development. Growers are expecting to begin harvest in mid-September. Eastern Filbert Blight continues to limit potential production in infected orchards.

There was an average of 445 nuts picked per sample this year from the OASS Hazelnut Objective Yield Survey. This compares with 1,148 in 2001, and 354 in 2000. The percentage of good nuts found in the OASS laboratory (84.4%) was down from 85.7% in 2001 and from 84.8% in 2000. The average dry weight of these good nuts was 3.31 grams, which is 0.36 of a gram heavier than last year and 0.11 of a gram lighter than in 2000. Brown stained nuts amounted to just 0.73 percent of the laboratory sample, but up from 0.5 in 2001.

Washington State is no longer in the estimating program due to disclosure reasons. There will not be an estimate set for their production; it will be included in the Oregon estimate.

Hazelnuts: Utilized production, Oregon and United States, 1999-2002 ^{1/}

State	Utilized production (In-shell basis)			
	1999	2000	2001 ^{2/}	Forecast ^{3/} 2002
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
Oregon	39,700	22,300	49,500	18,000
United States	40,000	22,500	49,500	18,000

1/ Starting in 2001 a separate forecast for Washington was discontinued.

2/ Revised June 6th, 2002.

3/ As of August 27, 2002.

Oregon Hazelnuts: Share of Good Nuts by Size, 1999-2002

OASS Laboratory			Share of Good Nuts				Industry Equivalents	
Size	Minimum Measure	Maximum Measure	1999	2000	2001	2002	Size	Measure
	<i>mm</i>	<i>mm</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>		<i>mm</i>
1		14.6	3.2	.5	1.4	.2	Small	less than 17.9
2	14.6	18.3	10.2	6.0	16.1	7.4	Small	less than 17.9
3	18.3	19.9	12.9	7.9	13.8	7.6	Medium	17.9 to 19.4
4	19.9	20.9	10.9	5.4	14.4	7.5	Large	19.4 to 22.2
5	20.9	22.0	15.6	8.5	19.2	13.8	Large	19.4 to 22.2
6	22.0	22.6	11.6	10.4	11.4	11.8	Large	19.4 to 22.2
7	22.6	23.6	16.1	20.2	12.5	18.9	Jumbo	22.2 +
8	23.6		19.5	41.1	11.2	32.8	Jumbo	22.2 +

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